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## Letter from David Reed to James B. Finley

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Rev. James B. Finley  
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Uncle James

Dear Sir your letter came to hand this morning, and I can assure you that it would be exceedingly gratifying to me to be able to comply with your request in being with you at your "Dedication meetings" but such are the circumstances with which I am attended at present that it will be impossible to comply. I will be here but two Sabbaths more before Conference, and upon each of them I have given out to take up public collections. one Missionary, and one the fifth collection. Then with some business matters which I must necessarily attend to, will claim all my time. And Bro. Armstrongs Family is in such a condition that he cannot leave with propriety. You should have heard from us before this time, had we known where to direct a Letter. But were much gratified to learn



That amid Southern Treachery, and  
Darker than Lightning, you were yet  
unscathed! Well let them blame their  
blatant, their violent dealings will come  
down upon their own heads. The publi-  
shing of your "private letter," will do you  
no harm, but in the estimation of all  
thinking, and honorable men, it will  
eternally disgrace all who may have had  
a hand directly or indirectly in its publication.  
On the 11<sup>th</sup> inst I received of letter  
from Bro. Marley in which he says  
"The publishing of that Southern letter was  
an infamous thing — and the more  
they mail you, the better he likes  
you" — Well, so a heart, you will  
live when the winds of heaven are  
singing their funeral dirge. If S. A.  
Scott had a hand in the publication of  
that letter, I would not trust him to  
be committed to an old soul of mine  
with the kindness of — he is low  
enough for any thing —

I have been requested to say to you,  
by Col. McDonald, that he made a mistake

in the manuscript which he gave you  
when here (as in a part of it) which  
he wishes you to bring it with you,  
if you should come by head, but  
if not he will send it with me to  
conference.

You will please excuse  
this disconnected Epistle, as it comes  
in a hurry we have been well  
generally since you were here.  
Father is well in good health.

Yours in the best of bonds  
David Reed  
Rev. Amos B. Finley